

RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER FOR
THE YEAR
1952

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General Statistics

Number of children on registers - Primary Schools	1936
Number of Primary Schools	33
Number of children on registers - Secondary Schools	792
Number of Secondary Schools	4

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Medical Inspections

The age groups subjected to periodic medical inspections are prescribed in the Handicapped Pupils and School Health Service Regulations, 1948.

Number of Children Examined during the Year

Entrants (5 years)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	449
Second Age Group (10/11 years)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	143
Third Age Group (14/15 years)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136
Specials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Total									762

Pupils Found to Require Treatment

Number of Individual Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to Require Treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin).

	For defective vision (excluding squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded overleaf.	Total individual pupils
Entrants	3	49	47
Second Age Group	3	9	12
Third Age Group	2	8	8
Total	8	66	67

TABLE OF DEFECTS

Defects found in the year ended 31st December 1952

Defect or Disease	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS		SPECIAL INSPECTIONS	
	Requiring treatment	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment	Requiring treatment	Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment
Skin	2	2	-	-
Eyes a. Vision	3	1	-	-
b. Refractive	2	2	-	-
c. Other	1	-	-	-
Ears a. Hearing	1	2	-	-
b. Otitis Media	-	-	-	-
c. Other	-	-	-	-
Nose or Throat	29	40	2	-
Speech	-	-	-	-
Cervical Glands	-	2	1	-
Heart & Circulation	1	-	-	-
Lungs	1	5	1	1
Developmental a. Hernia	-	-	-	-
b. Other	-	-	-	-
c. Posture	4	3	-	-
b. Flat Foot	1	1	-	-
c. Other	24	6	-	-
Nervous System				
a. Epilepsy	-	1	-	-
b. Other	-	-	-	-
Psychological				
a. Development	-	1	-	1
Other	-	-	-	5

Classification of the General Condition of Pupils Inspected During the Year
in age groups.

Age Groups	Number of Pupils Inspected	A (Good)		B (Fair)		C (Poor)	
		No.	% of col. 2	No.	% of col. 2	No.	% of col 2
Entrants	448	44	9.82	393	87.72	11	2.46
Second Age Group	113	14	9.8	129	90.2	-	-
Third Age Group	136	48	35.3	88	64.7	-	-
Total	727	106	14.6	610	83.9	11	1.5

TREATMENT OF DEFECTS

Diseases of the Skin			
		Number of cases treated or under treatment during the year	
		By the Authority	Otherwise
Miscellaneous	(i) Scabies	-	-
	(ii) Body	-	-
Scabies		-	-
Impetigo		-	-
Other skin diseases		-	10
Total		-	10

During the year the School Nurse treated 138 cases of miscellaneous minor ailments (cuts, sores, bruises, etc.)

TREATMENT OF DEFECTS (Contd)

The School Nurse tested the visual acuity of 1647 children

Eye Diseases, Defective Vision and Squint		
	Number of Cases Dealt With	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
External and other, excluding errors of refraction and squint.		
Errors of refraction (including squint).	197	-
Total		
Number of pupils for whom spectacles were		
(a) Prescribed	82	37
(b) Obtained	77	37

Refraction Clinics were held at Secondary Schools in the County and at the Bishop Clayton Memorial Hall when necessary.

During the year 10 sessions were held and the examinations were carried out by Dr. S.H.G. Humfrey, D.O.M.S., of Northampton. A member of the staff of Messrs. Clement Clarke Ltd., of Peterborough was in attendance at each session to measure children for whom glasses were prescribed.

Diseases and Defects of Ear, Nose and Throat		
	Number of Cases Treated	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
Received operative treatment :		
(a) for diseases of the ear	-	-
(b) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis	-	72
(c) for other nose and throat conditions	-	-
Total		72

Of the 72 cases in the above table 40 received operative treatment at the Rutland Memorial Hospital, Oakham; and 32 at the Stamford and Rutland Hospital, Stamford.

TREATMENT OF DEFECTS (Contd.)

Orthopaedic and Postural Defects		
(a) Number treated as in-patients in hospitals	8	
	By the Authority	Otherwise
(b) Number treated otherwise, e.g. in clinics or out-patient departments.	-	74

The above children attended at the following hospitals and clinics for treatment :

	In-patients	Out-patients
Stamford & Rutland Hospital	4	64
Leicester General Hospital	3	4
Manfield Orthopaedic Hospital	1	6

Child Guidance Treatment

	By the Authority	Otherwise
Number of pupils treated at Child Guidance Clinic	-	2

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

Total number of examinations in the schools by the School Nurse	6237
Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	261
Total number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2) Education Act 1944)	193
Total number of pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3) Education Act 1944)	-

DENTAL TREATMENT

Routine inspections and treatment were carried out by the School Dental Officer during the year.

A summary of the Dental Officer's work follows :-

Routine inspections	2355
Specials	

Total

Number found to require treatment	1209
Number referred for treatment	1209
Number actually treated	746
Attendances made by pupils for treatment	3254

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Half days devoted to :	(a) Inspection	48
	(b) Treatment	172

Total 220

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Fillings :	Permanent teeth	509
	Temporary teeth	15

Total 524

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Number of teeth filled:	Permanent teeth	473
	Temporary teeth	15

Total 488

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Extractions :	Permanent teeth	65
	Temporary teeth	491

Total 556

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Other operations :	Permanent teeth	69
	Temporary teeth	72

Total 141

Children in Special Schools

- 1 Partially sighted girl (15. 5.37) at Condover Hall, Shrewsbury.
- 1 " " " (26.10.37) at Exhall Grange, Warwickshire.
- 1 " " " (20. 5.37) at Stoneleigh, Leicester.
- 1 Bronchiectatic girl at St. Patrick's O.A.S., Hayling Island (discharged 26.6.52)
- 1 Girl with congenital disease of heart (6.4.37) at Halliwick Cripples' School.

Children attending County Schools

- 1 Girl (16.5.38) with congenital dislocation of both hips at Oakham Secondary
- 1 Girl (5. 8.43) with congenital dislocation of both hips at Casterton Primary.
- 1 Boy (8. 3.45) with cerebral palsy at Uppingham Primary.
- 1 Girl (9.10.44) with cerebral palsy at Oakham Primary.
- 1 Girl (2.3. 41) suffering from the effects of poliomyelitis at Ryhall Primary.
- 1 Boy (18.8.44) with cerebral palsy at Oakham Primary.

Educationally Sub-Normal Children

No children were ascertained during 1952.

Two, brother and sister aged 10 and 12, were still awaiting admission to a residential school at the end of the year.

MILK IN SCHOOLS SCHEME

The number of children having milk in schools during 1952 was 1874. The designation of milk supplied was as follows :-

Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	...	22
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	...	11
Accredited	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dried Milk	...	...	...	...	...	1

1 school did not provide school milk.

Mothercraft

Instruction in this subject is given by the School Nurse to the girls in the secondary schools.

National Survey of the Health and Development of Children

Five children born during the same week in March 1946 and now attending schools in Rutland have been followed up in connection with the survey of child health, growth and development, now being carried out by the Joint Committee of the Institute of Child Health (University of London) and the population Investigation Committee. A detailed clinical examination was made at the school medical inspection in March 1952, when they were six years old; and a running record of their health is being obtained from special school absence records and from enquiries made by the School Nurse about holiday sickness. The children concerned attended the following Primary schools : Oakham (2), Uppingham, Essendine and Exton (C.E.).

Diphtheria Immunisation

During the year visits continued to be paid to the schools for the purpose of giving reinforcing doses to children who have been immunised in infancy; and at the same time children who had not previously been immunised also received protective injections,

Number of primary immunisations completed	92
Number of children who had reinforcing doses	290

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